

The Planning Process

The OCP update is following a four stage planning process, with completion targeted for late 2025. We recently completed Stage 1 (Background Research) and are now looking for your feedback in Stage 2 (New Directions).

1 Background Research

Stage 1 established a baseline understanding of how Abbotsford has changed since the OCP was adopted, and summarized progress under the existing plan. This work identifies challenges to be addressed and early ideas for discussion in Stage 2. Stage 1 concluded with the presentation of the Background Research Report to Council on January 30, 2024.

2 Explore New Directions

We are here!

Stage 2 is about validating and understanding key issues and opportunities facing Abbotsford today and into the future. We are now undertaking community engagement framed by the background research and preliminary ideas for the future. This Stage will prepare a series of high-level 'New Directions' to guide the preparation of more specific policy.

3 Prepare New Policy

Stage 3 will focus on preparing new and updated policy based on the high-level New Directions identified in Stage 2. This stage will involve technical testing and further community engagement on draft policies.

4 Adopt an Updated Plan

Stage 4 will focus on refining the updated OCP, and presenting the plan bylaw for Council consideration.